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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE
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SUBJECT: Change to the Department of Defense Financial
Management Regulation, (DoDFMR, Volume 7A,) Dental
Officer Accession Bonus(DFAS Item G-3)

This is DFAS Interim Change Number 8-97 to the DoDFMR, Vol 7A, which incorporates policy guidance for the implementation of dental officer accession bonuses. This change is effective October 1, 1996.

We have evaluated your comments on the draft change to the DoDFMR, Vol 7A. The attached final version of the change includes your comments where appropriate. Assignment of an interim change number is your authority to start a procedural modification to facilitate this change. For the Denver Center, use the attached to initiate the formal printed change to the DoDFMR and the interim change.

Our point of contact, Lt Col Randy Wies, may be reached at DSN 327-5068 or Commercial (703) 607-5068. Our FAX number DSN 332-5271 or Commercial (703) 602-5271.

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Attachment:
As stated

cc: OASD (MMP) (COMP)
ODGC (F)
DFAS-DE/DG
Service Liaisons
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DJMS-PM

DFAS ITEM No. G-3
DoDFMR Interim Change No. 8-97

1. Renumber current sections, paragraphs, and all pertinent subparagraphs 0601 through 0606 to read "0602 through 0607" respectively.
2. Renumber each reference within these sections cited above to coincide with the new numbering listed above.
3. Insert new section 0601 to read:

"0601 ACCESSION BONUS

060101. Entitlement

A. An individual, who executes a written agreement to accept a commission as an officer of the Dental Corps of the Army or the Navy or an officer of the Air Force designated as a dental officer, to serve on active duty for a period of not less than four years, and upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary of the Military Department concerned is entitled to dental officer accession bonus.

B. A former dental officer who no longer holds an appointment, and is otherwise eligible, must have been discharged from any Uniformed Service at least two years prior to execution of the written agreement to be entitled to dental officer accession bonus.

C. An individual who holds an appointment as a dental officer in either the active or Reserve component is not eligible for the accession bonus.

060102. Special Provisions

A. The individual must not have received financial assistance from the Department of Defense to pursue a course of study in dentistry in exchange for an agreement to accept an appointment as a dental officer. Includes, but is not limited to, participants of the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program and Financial Assistance Program.

B. Individual must be qualified to become and remain certified and licensed as a dentist as determined by the requirements of the Service concerned.

C. Individual must be a graduate of an American Dental Association accredited dental school.

D. Eligible officers who sign a written agreement, on or after 1 October 1996 through 30 September 2002, to serve on active duty in exchange for receiving the accession bonus are entitled.

060103. Rates Payable. For the period 1 October 1996 through 30 September 1997, if eligible under paragraph 060102, a dental officer may receive an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

060104. Termination, Recoupment, and Refund of Unearned Accession Bonus.

A. An officer who fails to become and remain certified or licensed as a dentist during the period for which the payment is made shall refund the full amount of the bonus.

B. An officer who voluntarily terminates service on active duty before the end of the obligated period shall refund the unserved portion of the accession bonus.

C. A discharge in bankruptcy under Title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of an accession bonus agreement does not discharge a person from a debt arising under such agreement or paragraphs A and B above. This applies to any case commenced under Title 11 after 1 October 1996."

4. Make the following changes to the Bibliography:

A. Renumber all paragraphs under Sections 0601 through 0605 to read "**0602 through 0606**" respectively.

B. Add the following new section:

<u>"Paragraph</u>	<u>Citation</u>
0601-Accession Bonus	37 U.S.C. 302h OASD/HA memo, 6 Jan 1997 Public Law 104-201, Sec 615, 23 Sep 1996"